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Man Convicted of Three Cold Case Murders

A man now in his 70s was convicted today of murdering three women between 1987 and 1989 and dumping their bodies in alleyways near downtown Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury of seven women and five men deliberated just two hours before finding Samuel Little, 74, guilty of the first-degree murders of Carol Alford, 41, on or about July 13, 1987; Audrey Nelson, 35, on or about Aug. 14, 1989; and Guadalupe Apodaca, 46, on or about Sept. 3, 1989.

Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman with the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery/Homicide Division investigated the case.

In April 2012, LAPD detectives were notified that a DNA match was obtained identifying Little as the suspect in Nelson's murder. DNA matches also came back on the other two victims tying Little to their murders. All three victims were strangled to death.

Silverman said the victims were troubled and had lost their way. Drugs and prostitution made them vulnerable and easy targets for Little.

A Grand Jury indicted Little in April 2013 of the three murders with the special circumstance of multiple murders. Prosecutors chose not to seek the death penalty.

Little returns to court on Sept. 25 and will be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge George Lomeli in case BA400148.

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